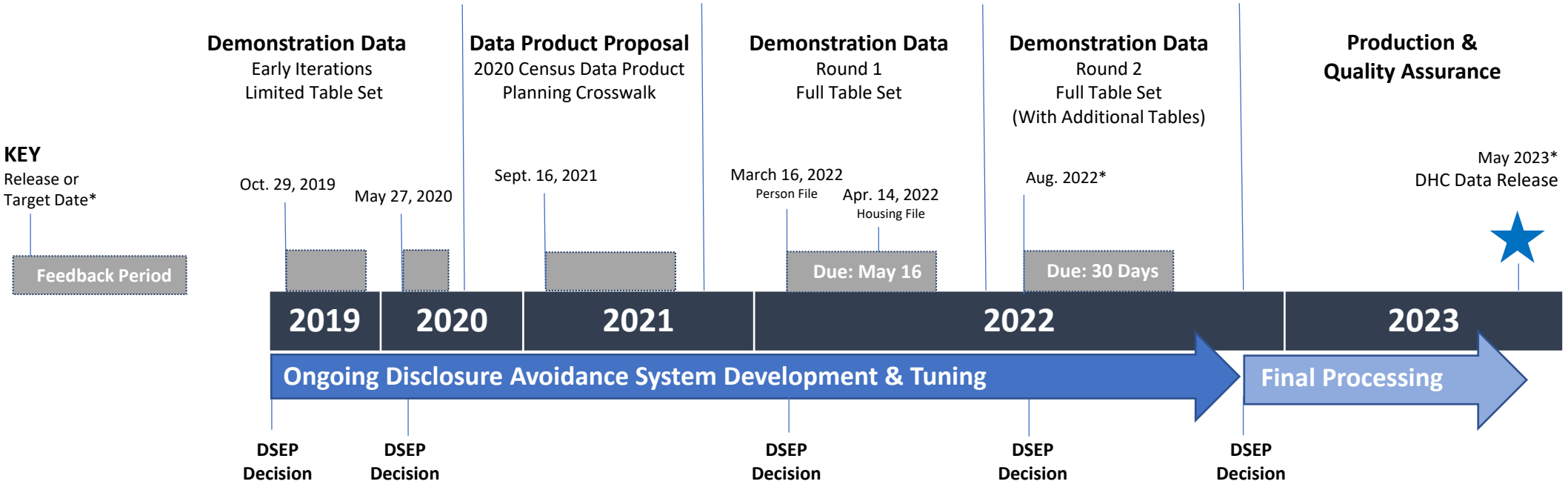
Demographic and Housing Characteristics File (DHC) Development and Production Timeline



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Demonstration Data

The demonstration data apply the latest version of the disclosure avoidance system (DAS) to 2010 Census data. This allows a side-by-side comparison of DAS impact, quantified by detailed summary metrics. All demonstration data include the person and housing files, but Round 1 split these files into two releases.

DSEP Decision Points

The Data Stewardship Executive Policy Committee (DSEP), composed exclusively of senior career officials, determines the allocation of privacy-loss budget across geography types and queries based on an analysis of data quality and disclosure risk. DSEP makes these determinations prior to every demonstration data release and prior to final release.

Feedback Periods and Due Dates

Data users have at least 30 days to evaluate and submit data feedback to help inform further development. Upcoming feedback deadlines are marked.

Read our blog to learn more:

"2020 Census Data Products: Next Steps for Data Releases"